

HOUSE BILL 2657

By Ragan

AN ACT to establish procedures for the creation of new Anderson County Government departments, abolishment of existing departments, and appointment and removal of department heads.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. New or additional Anderson County Government departments and department heads, not provided for by Tennessee general law, shall only be created by approved resolution of the Board of Commissioners or private act by the General Assembly. Employment of all new department heads shall be confirmed and approved by majority vote of the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 2. Anderson County Government departments created by resolution of the Board of Commissioners shall not be abolished or department heads removed or terminated without prior recommendation of the established oversight committee, supervising person or officeholder, and subsequent majority vote of the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a majority of the number of qualified voters of Anderson County voting in an election on the question of whether or not the act should be approved. Within thirty (30) days after this act becomes law, the county election commission of Anderson County shall call an election for the county, to be held at the next regularly scheduled November election. The ballots used in the election shall have printed on them the substance of this act and voters shall vote for or against its approval. The votes cast on the question shall be canvassed and the results proclaimed by the county election commissioners and certified by them to the secretary of state as provided by law in the case of general elections. The qualifications of voters voting on the question shall be the same as those

required for participation in general elections. All laws applicable to general elections shall apply to the determination of the approval or rejection of this act.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, as provided in Section 3, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall be effective only upon being approved as provided in Section 3.